

While TV closed captioning has come a long way, there are still many deficiencies.

In addition to ongoing problems such as programs that have captions being broadcast later without captions, programs that have captions with a significant number of misspellings so as to make the program virtually unintelligible, programs that have captions cut off in mid-stream, programs with garbled captions (this is different from misspelled captions where one might be able to determine what was supposed to have been said) and the difficulty in knowing who to complain to about these problems, or complaining and not knowing who is at fault because the local station or cable provider blames someone else; the current annoyance is captions which are slightly delayed in being displayed so that the speaker and the caption are not in sync. It is almost as though the program were being live captioned where there is always a slight delay between the speaker and the caption appearing but this is happening with programs that are not live captioned. An example can be seen in the Nip/Tuck program on the FX cable network and the AMC network.